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SUBJECT: GOU BANS CERTAIN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMARY. GOU ANNOUNCED JUNE 8 BAN ON TWELVE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, ALL APPARENTLY PROTESTANT AND MAINLY EVANGELICAL. FIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES, NUMBERING ALTOGETHER 14 PEOPLE, ARE AFFECTED. END SUMMARY.

1. GOU ANNOUNCED JUNE 8 BAN OF TWELVE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN FOLLOWING TERMS: QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE CONFUSION AND SPY ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE INFILTRATED CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS, GOU HAS DECIDED TO BAN THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE DANGEROUS TO PEACE AND ORDER WHICH IS NOW PREVAILING IN UGANDA UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WERE THEN LISTED:
UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES;
ELIM- PENTECOSTAL EVANGELISTIC FELLOWSHIP OF UGANDA;
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD;
UGANDA CHURCH OF CHRIST;
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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST;
INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION;
THE NAVIGATORS OF COLORADO;
THE UGANDA EAST AFRICA YEARLY MEETING (QUAKERS);
CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF UGANDA;
EMMAUS BIBLE SCHOOL;
LEGIO MARIA OF AFRICA;
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

3. GOU SPOKESMAN ISSUED ASSURANCE THAT QUOTE IN UGANDA
FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IS GUARANTEED UNQUOTE BUT WARNED THAT
ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HARBORS SPIES AND SUBVERSIVE
ELEMENTS CANNOT BE TOLERATED. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINE EXAMPLE SET BY PRESIDENT, GOU
WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST MAIN DENOMINATIONS WHEREVER
POSSIBLE, THAT IS, ROMAN CATHOLIC, MUSLIM AND
PROTESTANT.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE CHECKED OUR CONSULAR REGISTRATIONS
OF AMCITS AND FIND THAT FOLLOWING FAMILIES ARE AFFECTED:
ELIM - TWO FAMILIES (FOUR PERSONS)
CAMPUS CRUSADE - ONE FAMILY (FOUR PERSONS)
NAVIGATORS - ONE FAMILY (FOUR PERSONS)
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - ONE FAMILY (TWO PERSONS).

THE FOUR LARGER AMERICAN PROTESTANT GROUPS ARE NOT
INCLUDED ON GOU LIST. THESE ARE: SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS;
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION; CONSERVATIVE BAPTISTS; AND
AFRICA INLAND MISSION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BANNED GROUPS
WERE TARGETED BY AACC WHICH REPORTEDLY INFLUENCED AMIN IN
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